

1 Chronicles

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Date:

- Written between 450-425 B.C. after Ezra led a remnant back from captivity
- The events covered parallel the book of **2 Samuel**

Theme: "GOD'S COVENANT REMAINS" (See 17:7-15)

- The Jews were taken captive, now a new generation is returning to Jerusalem. The city is in ruins and the Davidic throne is gone, but God's covenant to Israel still stands!
 1. Looking back — Israel had a great heritage
 2. Looking forward — Israel had God's promises
 3. In the present — Israel had the presence of Jehovah; He was truly their king (29:1 1-12)

Outline:**I. Israel's Main Genealogies (Ch. 1-9)****II. David's Reign at Jerusalem (Ch. 10-29)**

Key Words: "reigned" "build thee an house"

Key Verse: 1 Chronicles 17:9 - "Also I will **ordain** a place for my people **Israel**, and will **plant** them, and they shall **dwelt** in their place, and shall be **moved** no more; neither shall the children of **wickedness** waste them any more, as at the **beginning**."

Special Features:

1. **Genealogies** — (Ch. 1-9)
 - In the destruction of Judah by Babylon, many family records had been destroyed.
 - These genealogies trace the sacred line through which God's covenant was transmitted for nearly 3,500 years!
2. The Perspective of Chronicles differs from that of Samuel/Kings.

Samuel & Kings	Chronicles
Prophetic View (judgment)	Priestly View (hope)
The Throne	The Temple
Both Israel & Judah	Primarily Judah
The kings	The Davidic line
Political	Ecclesiastical
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Christ In The Book:

The promises of the **Davidic** Covenant fulfilled in the Person of Christ, the "Son of David" (Matt. 1:1)

- A **Kingdom** forever (17:4)
- A **Throne** forever (17:12,14)

2 Chronicles

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Date:

- 435-400 B.C. — after the exile
- Events covered parallel **1 and 2 Kings**

Theme: “What You Do With God Determines What God Will Do With You!”

- This is the story of Solomon and the kings of Judah — when they followed the Lord, He fought for them; when they went after other gods, they suffered defeat.
- This is seen clearly in II Chronicles 7:14-22 and 15:1-4

God's part \longrightarrow **Man's** part

Outline:**I. Solomon's Forty-year Reign (Ch. 1-9)****II. Judah's History to the Exile (Ch. 10-36)**

Key Words: “Established” “Seek the Lord”

Key Verse: 2 Chronicles 7:14 - “If **my** people, which are called by **my** name, shall **humble** themselves, and **pray** and **seek** my face, and **turn** from their wicked ways; **then** will I hear from **heaven**, and will **forgive** their **sin**, and will **heal** their **land**.”

Special Features:

1. An emphasis is laid on the godly kings of Judah who led in spiritual reform:
 - Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Hezekiah, Josiah
2. Chronicles serves as the true link between the **Pre-exile** period and **Post-exile** period.
 - Chronicles — Retrospection of the history of God's people
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Christ In The Book:

1. He is our **Captain** (13:12)
 - He is the one Who fights our battles.
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BOOK OF THE HIGHLIGHTS
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SCHOOL
of the BIBLE

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